

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL1364**  
2. Temporary number: **N/A**  
3. County: **Boulder**  
4. City: **Longmont**  
5. Historic building name: **Matthewson House**  
6. Current building name: **Molina House**  
7. Building address: **408 Baker Street**  
8. Owner name: **Aduato Jr. & Maria Molina**  
Owner address: **408 Baker Street**  
**Longmont, CO 80501**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup>** Township **2N** Range **69W**  
  
10. UTM reference  
Zone **13**  
Easting: **492028**  
Northing: **4445988**  
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968 (Photorevised 1979) 7.5'**  
12. Lot(s): **S½ 5** Block: **46**  
Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**  
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register  
\_\_\_\_ Needs Data  
\_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District  
\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):  
**Rectangular Plan**  
15. Dimensions in feet: **1068 square feet**  
16. Number of stories: **One**  
17. Primary external wall material  
**Wood / Horizontal Siding**  
**Wood / Shingle**  
**Hipped Roof**  
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):  
**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**  
20. Special features (enter all that apply):  
**Porch**  
**Chimney**

22. Architectural style /  
building type:

**Hipped-Roof Box**

**21. General Architectural Description**

Located on the east side of Baker Street three lots north of 4th Avenue, the rectangular wood frame cottage on this property rests on a concrete foundation, is one story in height, and measures approximately 24' by 40'. The exterior walls are finished with horizontal wood siding. The dwelling is covered by a truncated hipped roof, with asphalt shingles, and finished along the perimeters with boxed eaves. Rising from the flat top of the truncated hipped roof is a metal chimney. The home's windows are predominantly 1/1 double-hung sash, with wood frames and surrounds, metal storm windows, and with non-historic wrought-iron security bars. The east elevation also contains a set of modern horizontal sliding windows, and the south elevation also contains one large fixed-pane window. The facade has a circa 1950s window consisting of a pair of vertical lights flanked by three small lights. Dominating the west elevation is a projecting enclosed porch, largely characterized by eight 2-light fixed-pane windows. The porch has a low-pitched hipped roof, horizontal wood siding, and a metal awning which projects out over the front yard. The main entry is found at the south end of the porch, and contains a metal security door. Above the entry, there is another metal awning. The rear of the house contains a modern metal frame door. Behind the house at the alley is an old double-wide concrete block garage with a gabled roof, 9-light windows, a sliding barn door, and an overhead door.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This house is located on the east side of Baker Street, in the block between 4th and 5th Avenues, near the east end of Longmont's historic East Side neighborhood. Developed during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the East Side Neighborhood is an established area made up primarily of single-family homes.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

Garage

#### **IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **1903**  
Actual

Source of information:

**"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum.**

26. Architect:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**Emma Matthewson (probably)**

Source of information:  
**"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections."**

#### **29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions)::**

The house at 408 Baker Street was constructed around 1903. Designed by an unknown architect, the small home is a simple vernacular cottage, typical of working-class housing of the period in terms of its size, materials and construction methods. Changes to the exterior have been limited to the construction of the front porch by 1911, and the wood frame rear addition in 1952, the removal of the brick chimney at an unknown date, and the replacement of a 1/1 double-hung sash window adjacent to the porch entrance with a circa 1950s set of windows. Even with these changes, the house is in good condition and exhibits a generally acceptable degree of historic integrity. The concrete block garage at the alley was erected in 1947.

30. Original location: **yes**  
Moved **no**  
Date of move(s) **n/a**

#### **V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
33. Current use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**  
34. Site type(s): **Residence**

### **35. Historical Background**

The house at 408 Baker Street was occupied, between 1903 and 1906, by the Matthewson family, headed by Emma Matthewson, a widow. In addition to Emma, the property housed J.C. Matthewson (an electrician), W.A. Matthewson (a Yard Man at Gilcrest Lumber), and W.M. Matthewson (a clerk at Bonner's Cafe). Between 1907 and 1960, the house was occupied by a series of owners and tenants, none of whom stayed for longer than one decade. Included among these were Nettie Dobbins (a teacher), Frank and Grace Sisson (Frank worked as a machinist at the nearby Great Western Sugar Company plant), Oliver and Leona Helms (Oliver worked as a laborer), Conrad and Margaret Burbank (Conrad worked as a laborer), Alex and Rose Schumacher (Alex worked as a laborer), Ed Greubel, and finally, Arthur and Anna Lukenbach. (Arthur was employed at Golden West Milling). Some of these people raised children in the home.

### **36. Sources of Information**

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

City of Longmont Building Permits for 408 Baker Street.

*Polk's Boulder County Directory* [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

*Polk's Longmont City Directory*, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and May 1956.

"Stroke Fatal to V.H. Nelson." *Longmont Daily Times*, June 27, 1930, p. 1.

"Town of Longmont, Colorado - Water Rent Collections." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Museum."

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**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

- xx** A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- xx** C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**City of Longmont Standards for Designation**

**xx** 2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.

2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

**xx** 2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

**xx** 2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.

2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.

2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.

2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

**Architecture; Community Planning and Development**

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1903-1953**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **xx**

**42. Statement of Significance**

Based upon the history and architecture of this home, it appears that it would likely be a contributing element of a future historic district. Changes to the house over the decades do not appear to be significant enough to have seriously diminished the property's historical integrity, so that it would not qualify as a contributing element within a National Register-designated, or a City of Longmont-designated historic district. The property's combined levels of significance and integrity is probably not to the extent that it would qualify for individual local landmark designation by the City of Longmont. The property is also very unlikely to be eligible for individual listing in either the State or National Registers of Historic Places.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This house displays an acceptable level of historical integrity, relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society - setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Most of the alterations to the house's original construction date from the period of significance, or at the latest, to the 1950s. Changes to the exterior have been limited to the construction of the front porch by 1911, and the wood frame rear addition in 1952, the removal of the brick chimney at an unknown date, and the replacement of a 1/1 double-hung sash window adjacent to the porch entrance with a circa 1950s set of windows.

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**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **xx**

No:

Discuss: **This property is located outside the boundaries of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. If the district's boundaries were to be expanded, to include the entire neighborhood, this house would be considered a contributing resource.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-27**

Frame(s): **24, 35**

Negatives filed at:

**City of Longmont  
Department of Community Development, Planning Division  
Civic Center Complex  
350 Kimbark Street  
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **January 21, 2003**

50. Recorders: **Ron Sladek**

51. Organization: **Tatanka Historical Associates**

52. Address: **P.O. Box 1909  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522**

53. Phone number: **970/229-9704**